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SUBJ: ORTEGA PENA FUNERAL

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1. SUMMARY: 380 PERSONS WERE ARRESTED ON AUG 2 IN INCIDENTS THAT OCCURRED DURING THE FUNERAL PROCESSION OF LEFTIST PERONIST RODOLFO ORTEGA PENA. END SUMMARY.

2. RODOFO ORTEGA PENA, THE NATIONAL DEPUTY ASSASSINATED ON JULY 31 WAS BURIED ON AUG 2. A FUNERAL PROCESSION OF HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE ACCOMPANIED HIS BODY FROM THE GRAPHIC WORKERS UNION HALL TO THE CEMETARY.

3. EVEN BEFORE THE CORTEGE, THE FUNERAL TURNED INTO A SECTARIAN AFFAIR. ORTEGA PENA'S WIFE HAD REFUSED AN OFFER TO LET THE BODY LIE IN STATE IN THE CONGRESS. SHE SIAD SHE DID NOT WANT HER HUSBANDS REMAINS TO LIE IN THE SAME PLACE WHERE THE BODY OF FORMER INTERIOR MIN MOR ROIG HAS SO RECENTLY LAIN.

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WENT TOTHE UNION HALL TO PAY HIS RESPECTS, HE WAS ASKED TO LEAVE.

4. SEVERAL INCIDENTS OCCURRED DURING THE FUNERAL PROCESSION. ERP AND FAR BANNERS WERE RAISED AND THERE WERE JEERS AND CHANTED SLOGANS AIMED AT THE GOVT., AT LOPEZ REGA AND THE MILITARY. THESE BECAME PARTICULARLY ABUSIVE AS THE GROUP PASSED THE DEFENSE MINISTRY. POLICE BLOCKED THE PROCESSION AT THAT POINT AND TENSE NEGOTIATIONS WITH POLICE WERE REQUIRED BEFORE THE GROUP COULD PASS BY THE CASA ROSADA. AT THE CEMETERY ENTRANCE ANOTHER DISPUTE WITH POLICE BEGAN OVER WHO WOULD BE ADMITTED AND WHETHER SPEECHES WOULD BE ALLOWED.

5. ALL TOGETHER 380 WERE ARRESTED. OF THAT NUMBER 77 WERE MINORS AND WERE RELEASED. AS OF AUG 5 THE OTHER 303 WERE STILL BEING HELD FOR QUESTIONING.

6. IN CORDOBA A GROUP CALLING ITSELF THE SOLDIERS OF PERON MONTONERO COMMAND TOOK CREDIT FOR KILLING ORTEGA PENA. THE GROUP HAS NEVER APPEARED PREVIOUSLY AND IS MOST PROBABLY NOT RPT NOT RELATED TO THE MONTONEROS OF THE LEFTIST PERONIST YOUTH. THE WORD "MONTONERO" ITSELF MEANS GUERRILLA AND HAS BEEN USED BY MANY GROUPS. THIS GROUP SAID ORTEGA PENA WAS KILLED FOR USURPING THE NAME OF PERON.

7. COMMENT: ORTEGA PENA CAME FROM THE MOST RADICAL SECTOR OF PERONISM. EMOTION AND ANTI-GOVERNMENT SLOGANS WERE ABUNDANT AMONG HIS MOURNERS OF AUG 2. THE GOA ON THE OTHER HAND HAS HELD OVER 300 PEOPLE FOR SEVERAL DAYS ON CHARGES THAT WOULD NORMALLY MERIT RELEASE IN A COUPLE OF HOURS. THESE INCIDENTS HAVE SERVED TO UNDERSCORE THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO EXTREMES WITHIN PERONISM AND IT APPEARS LESS LIKELY THAN EVER THAT THESE TWO GROUPS HAVE ANY POSSIBILITY OF LIVING IN PEACE.  
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